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CT District	Grant Applicant/ Sub-recipient	Project Title	County	Project Description	Grant Amount
1	Mendocino Council of Governments/ <i>Mendocino Transit Authority</i>	Commute Transportation Study for Mendocino County	Mendocino, Sonoma	The project will focus on the development of a Commute Transportation Plan between the outlying Inland communities of Mendocino County to the City of Ukiah and the potential demand for commute service between the Willits and Ukiah areas to Sonoma County. A commuter travel demand study will develop origin, destination and travel time data for specific areas. One or more service strategies will be developed and prioritized for each area with broad based public and stakeholder involvement, including low-income and minority groups. A phased commute transportation implementation plan will be produced for the highest priority strategies/areas.	\$61,971
3	Sacramento Area Council of Governments/ <i>Associated Students of the University of California, Davis Unitrans</i>	Unitrans Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Implementation Study	Yolo	The project will provide technical assistance to determine the feasibility of a transit signal priority system in the City of Davis. Unitrans will hire a consultant team to assist in the completion of a two-phase, TSP Implementation Study. A steering committee will be assembled that will include Unitrans and City of Davis Public Works officials. This committee will be responsible for study outcomes. Phase I draft and final reports will summarize the findings of the working document, recommended prioritization list, and a cost estimate for each intersection to complete a detailed analysis. Phase II will provide traffic impact analyses for each contracted intersection, based on the prioritized list developed in Phase I. The final report will combine the findings of Phases I and II into a single document.	\$44,265

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3	Sacramento Area Council of Governments	Sacramento Emergency Transit Response Plan	Sacramento, Yolo	The project is an extension of the 2007 Sacramento Full-Scale Functional Exercise that focused on flood basins and flood evacuation routes. The project will study the effects of flooding on transit systems in the Sacramento River and American River Flood Plains that include the rural parts of South Sacramento and Yolo Counties. The final product will create inventories of vehicles available for deployment during a natural or human disaster; provide information on human resource capabilities within each of the participating operators; outline the deficiencies of interoperable communications; design for improved interoperable communications between the transit operators; define the interaction between Emergency Operations Centers and transit operators; explore funding for the next stage of testing to exercise the report's ability to flex with the unpredictable outcomes of natural disasters; and, present a sustainable reporting, testing and exercise program for the participating transit operators.	\$44,266
3	Nevada County Transportation Commission	Eastern Nevada County Transit Development Plan	Nevada	The study will update the Eastern Nevada County Transit Development Plan 2002-2007 and analyze a wide range of service, capital, institutional and management, and financial alternatives. The final product will be a transit development plan that will guide the growth of services over the next five-year period, which will include an implementation plan to accomplish growth. The final plan will include a year-by-year implementation schedule for all plan elements, and identify the responsible parties and financial requirements.	\$30,000

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4	Metropolitan Transportation Commission/ <i>City of Benicia</i>	Benicia Breeze Local Transit Service Study	Solano	The study will evaluate the existing transit services provided within the City of Benicia and make recommendations to improve the level of transit services provided within the city limits. This study is needed to help improve efficiency due to future changes resulting from the transfer of the city's intercity route. The study outcome will be to improve the transit system's farebox recovery ratio and the overall performance of the transit system. The study will include an overview of the transit system; updated goals, objectives and standards; service and system evaluation; operations plan and budget; and, an on-board passenger demographic survey. The final product will have a component for implementing the recommendations by June 30, 2009.	\$30,000
5	Council of San Benito County Governments/ <i>San Benito County Local Transportation Authority</i>	Transit Design Manual	San Benito	The manual will provide standards for transit oriented improvements to incorporate into new development and redevelopment proposals. The goal of the manual is to increase access to alternative transportation methods, public and stakeholder participation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conservation of energy and other natural resources, and protection of sensitive habitat and farmland. The Transit Design Manual will be consistent with local plans, Caltrans standards, and zoning ordinances. It will also provide detailed schematic drawings and guidelines for transit friendly features.	\$44,265

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10	Merced County Association of Governments/ <i>Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)</i>	Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System Short Range Transit Plan	Merced, Mariposa, Mono	The project is to prepare a new Short Range Transit Plan (SRTTP) for YARTS. The new SRTTP will consider the current operating environment, which is critical to the continued survival and success of the system. The new SRTTP will establish a five-year road map for existing and future YARTS Board Members to work from in achieving improvements to the system and insuring its successes as set forth. The YARTS Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed final SRTTP and take appropriate action to finalize the approved document.	\$92,500
10	San Joaquin Council of Governments/ <i>City of Escalon Transit (E-TRAN)</i>	City of Escalon Transit Short Range Transit Plan 2008/2009 - 2017/2018	San Joaquin	The project involves developing and publishing a Short Range Transit Plan for the City of Escalon public transit system called the E-TRAN. This ten-year plan will conduct board and alight counts, on-board passenger surveys, public participation activities, and research other transit related issues. The study will also include an overview of the transit system; updated goals, objectives and standards; and operations plan and budget. This project outcome will be to evaluate the overall performance of the transit system of a growing community. The city intends to derive recommendations for implementation by June 30, 2009 to plan the future delivery of transit services within the City of Escalon, to Modesto and surrounding unincorporated San Joaquin County Areas.	\$30,000

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10	Calaveras Council of Governments	Calaveras Transit Short Range Transit Development Plan	Calaveras	The project purpose is to update the Short Range Transit Development Plan (SRTP) and respond to outcomes of the General Plan update. Recommendations from the previous SRTP will be implemented, such as: exploration of service alternatives; development of a marketing plan and a bus shelter improvement program; and, administration of a County Employees Survey and an evaluation of the results. The SRTP will also include research of best practices, industry resources and current technologies available; existing conditions and prioritized improvements; and, a public presentation. The expected planning process will accomplish formal recommendations for system strengthening proposed in the form of a deliverable and adopted SRTP for Calaveras Transit.	\$45,000
10	Tuolumne County Transportation Council/ <i>County of Tuolumne, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division</i>	Five Year Transit Development Plan - Tuolumne County Transit	Tuolumne	Grant funding will assist the development and update of the current Transit Development Plan. The project objective is to review current transportation demands in the Tuolumne County Region, analyze the problems and opportunities facing public transit and other existing or potential transit providers, and develop a comprehensive, realistic update. This overall effort will afford area leaders and transportation providers an opportunity to take an in-depth look at the transportation systems currently in place, identify the optimal manner in which transit can meet the needs of the public, and identify where transit resources should be devoted over the next five years.	\$82,000

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11	San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)	Rural Coordinated Transportation Planning Project	San Diego	SANDAG will enhance the Coordinated Plan for San Diego County by providing an in-depth analysis of the transit and human service transportation opportunities in the rural areas. The Plan will develop solutions designed to improve coordination of the limited transportation resources allocated to rural areas. The study area has been developed to bridge the gap between urban and rural areas. This project will serve as a strong foundation for future funding efforts aimed at improving rural transportation solutions. This project will also serve as a justification for future project development and will provide essential detail for organizations or agencies wishing to apply for transportation project funding to provide mobility solutions for rural county residents. The final report will identify the results of the rural coordinated planning effort.	\$100,000
11	San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)	A Rail Line Runs Through It: Making Transit Work in the City of San Marcos	San Diego	Along with the City of San Marcos (79,000 residents), SANDAG will develop and evaluate marketing, advertising, and promotion options for expanding transit use on the heavily traveled State Route 78 corridor. The project will build on the current model for public transit use and increase participation and feedback from college and university students and staff, commuters, tribal governments, and others. SANDAG will compile, analyze, and provide results from the input to the appropriate organizations and reflect the results in the Regional Transportation Plan, Regional Comprehensive Plan, and/or other transportation projects. The final report will clearly delineate the best practices for increasing transit in San Marcos that will be distributed to the City of San Marcos, North County Transit District, and various governmental bodies across the County.	\$88,728
				Total Transit Technical Planning Assistance:	\$692,995